

Councilmember Terry Ryan

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## **Terry's June Newsletter**

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## Marijuana Ordinance passed

After hours of public testimony and hundreds of emails and letters, the council passed Ordinance 15-009. Here is what it does and doesn't do:

Snohomish County has never banned licensed marijuana production, processing, or retailing. Like any business, it is allowed in some zones and not allowed in other zones.

In fall of 2013, the County allowed marijuana growing and processing in seven zones: Industrial Park, Business Park, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial, Rural Industrial, Rural-5, and Agriculture -10.

When families started feeling the impacts of this new industry in existing neighborhoods, the County revisited where it should be allowed. With the vote this week, new marijuana businesses are no longer allowed in Rural-5. Any business that already has its permits and license will be allowed to continue in its current location because they are vested under state and local law.

The County still allows marijuana production and processing in the other six zones: Industrial Park, Business Park, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial, Rural Industrial, and Agriculture-10. There are about 64,000 acres of land in those zones where marijuana growing and processing is allowed.

In fall of 2013, the County allowed marijuana retail in ten zones: Neighborhood Business, Planned Community Business, Community Business, General Commercial, Business Park, Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial, Urban Center, Rural Business, and Clearview Rural Commercial. The County still allows licensed marijuana retail in all of those zones except Clearview Rural Commercial.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to reach out to me and share your opinions.

## Climate change impacts in Snohomish County

The Public Works Department determined the need for assistance from a consultant in order to better understand, communicate and respond to the risks associated with climate change impacts to the County.

The Council passed a motion to hire Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc. for a pilot project that helps with the understanding and planning for climate change impacts.

Cascadia has developed a simple to use climate change adaptation planning tool called the "Climate Impacts Decision Support Tool" that can help the County with the following: Characterize climate impact risks for a variety of locations and project types; and Provide appropriate responses to those impact risks.

The pilot project will focus on three identified Public Works sectors that include transportation planning, habitat restoration projects, and surface water infrastructure along with the potential adaptation strategies relevant to those sectors.

Additional benefits of the tool include the following:

Assist Public Works with environmental regulatory compliance, minimizing need for multiple staff to collect and analyze scientific data on climate change; and Provide an objective and science-based way to communicate and manage risks.

County staff will have the tool beta-tested to ensure it functions as advertised.

The proposed Agreement with Cascadia is for \$44,418. The motion further authorized the Public Works Director to approve amendments up to \$4,442 for a total Agreement amount of \$48,860.

#### **Medical Examiner's Office**

During last year's budget process, the council asked the executive's office to come up with options for council consideration to fund the medical examiner's office. The executive present the council with three options.

The first option was prohibited by state law and thus immediately off the table. The second option was to have a ME in charge of pathology, an operations manager and a director in charge of the rest of the department. Even the director admitted this would not solve the problems in the ME's office. The department would have been

very top heavy with three people overseeing 13 employees.

The third option was to merge with the health district, which doesn't make sense. Since the options offered were not workable, a council majority agreed it made more sense to hire a new ME and run the department like other successful ME offices across the state.

In the end, it did not make sense to me to increase overhead and still not solve the problems.

## **Community Transit: Sunday Service Returns**

After a five-year hiatus, Community Transit will return to a 365-day operation beginning Sunday, June 7. The agency is bringing back Sunday and Holiday bus service that it had suspended during the recession.

In addition, starting Monday, June 8, there will be more off-peak trips added to a number of routes, as well as two additional commuter trips to Seattle. Saturdays will also see more trips added. The new schedule is online at <a href="https://www.communitytransit.org">www.communitytransit.org</a>.

# Sheriff's Office Launches "You Are Not Alone", a Home Visit Program for Seniors and the Disabled - courtesy of Shari Ireton and the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office has launched "You Are Not Alone," a free service provided by volunteers who make regularly scheduled home visits or other contact with seniors or the disabled in Snohomish County. "You Are Not Alone" (YANA) is a resource for residents who live independently in their own home but do not have friends or family who can regularly check on them.

"The idea behind You Are Not Alone is to prevent emergencies for the county's most vulnerable residents living on their own," said Sheriff Ty Trenary. "The program is a proactive approach to public safety by connecting volunteers with people confined to their homes, reducing isolation and improving quality of life."

Once a person has registered with YANA, trained Sheriff's Office volunteers will make regularly schedule telephone calls and home visits at prearranged times. If the participant does not answer the phone or the door at the prearranged time, a series of steps are followed to ensure the participant's safety and well-being, including sending a sheriff's deputy to check on them.

Those interested in participating should <u>submit a registration form</u>. Participation is free with the only requirement being that participants be able to answer the phone and provide at least one emergency contact.

This service is only available in unincorporated areas of Snohomish County and the cities that contract with the Sheriff's Office for service: Darrington, Gold Bar, Granite Falls, Index, Snohomish, Stanwood and Sultan.

For more information or to refer someone to the program, contact the YANA program at (425) 388-7375 or YANA@snoco.org.

#### Willis Tucker Phase 3B Construction

**Project Description:** 

This project includes connecting the ADA off-leash parking area to the 38-stall most eastern parking lot located off of Puget Park Drive. An additional 200 paved parking stalls will be added. The project also includes installation of two (2) picnic shelters, four (4) sand volleyball courts, and a dog wash and bottle filler station located outside of the off-leash area. The existing multi-use fields are proposed to be re-conditioned with irrigation installed. Utilities including water, sewer, storm and electric will be installed to support this project as well as future construction of a restroom, playground and large group shelter.Off-leash areas will remain open but access to off-leash areas will be impacted. The easternmost parking lot will not be accessible during construction. The ADA access road may require closure depending on the contractors schedule of work. Please check this webpage prior to visiting or needing ADA access. The alternate walking path (not ADA accessible) is the gravel perimeter service road located west and north of the Administration Building as shown in the map labeled "Off-Leash Perimeter Road Access". The project has a 180 calendar day construction period subject to weather or other unforeseen condition delays.

A pre-construction conference is tentatively scheduled for mid-June followed by construction start-up by end of June.

### **MLT: Lakeview Trail Project**

The contractor has started work on this project. Expect lane closures but no detours on 228th Street SW/Lakeview Drive/236th Street SW from the Interurban Trail to I-5. On-street parking restrictions are in place. Normal work hours are 7 am to 6 pm, Monday - Thursday. Expect delays. Use of alternate routes is recommended.

A grant of \$2,080,280 will fund construction of new pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Lakeview Drive and 236th Street SW, from the Interurban Trail to I-5. The improvements will increase commuting options for residents of Mountlake Terrace and other nearby jurisdictions. They will provide safe and convenient connections for pedestrians and cyclists from west Mountlake Terrace, east Edmonds, and the Interurban Trail to the Mountlake Terrace Transit Center and the Town Center. The grant award is estimated to fund the majority of the construction costs. Construction is expected to be completed this fall.

## The Boeing Tour

Expanded hours for this summer will begin Saturday, June 20 with the addition of tours at 8:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:00 pm. and 4:30 p.m. In 2014, our guests discovered two things: (1) The addition of the 8:30 a.m. tour really helped guests enjoy an early start to the day, and (2) those on the afternoon tours reported seeing more movement occur in the factory.

# **BLACK WINGS EXHIBIT** Smithsonian Institution



If you haven't visited Future of Flight
Aviation Center lately you will not want to
miss traveling exhibit, Black Wings:
American Dreams of Flight," which is
available in our gallery. We are honored to
be hosting this special Smithsonian
Institution exhibit through June 14, 2015. We
suggest allowing an hour to tour this special
exhibit, as it is 2400 square feet.

#### **District Events:**

#### **Bothell**

Bothell Farmers Market at Country Village Shops Every Friday | Noon - 6PM

#### Mill Creek

#### 4th Annual Mill Creek Art Walk

Join the City of Mill Creek and the Town Center merchants for the 4th annual Mill Creek Art Walk held this summer June 11, July 9 and August 13. Enjoy a nice summer evening strolling along Main Street taking in the art and music. Artists and musicians will display their work and perform in the stores and on the sidewalks. Hours: 5 pm - 8 p.m.

#### Mill Creek Garden Club Tour

Saturday, June 17 from 11 am - 5 pm. The tour is Mill Creek Garden Club's fundraiser this year. It will help fund the "Giving through Gardening" school grants, civic projects and club operations. For more information visit: <a href="https://www.millcreekgardenclub.com">www.millcreekgardenclub.com</a>.

#### Main Street Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Get ready for the 10th annual Mill Creek Main Street Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday July 11, 2015. Early registration at reduced fees closes on Friday, June 12.

Tournament Location:
Mill Creek City Hall
Annex Building Parking Lot
15720 Main Street
Mill Creek, WA 98012

Questions ? / Tournament Information

Contact Person: Brian Davern

Phone 425-745-1891 \* Fax 425-551-7255 Email: <u>parksandrec@cityofmillcreek.com</u> Website: <u>www.mainstreetmadness3on3.com</u>

#### **Mountlake Terrace**

#### Coffee with the City

Wednesday, June 10, 6-7pm

Recreation Pavilion Jungle Room 5303 228th Street SW

Get to know Mountlake Terrace City Officials and learn more about the city in a casual setting. Enjoy some coffee, hear what's going on in the city, provide input about city services and events, and ask questions.

#### **Evergreen Fairgrounds**

#### June Events at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds

June 6-7: W Dairy Goat Show

June 12: Mid-Summer Classic Arabian Horse Show

June 27-28: Evergreen Pygmy Goat Show June 27: NW Largest Garage Sale Every Weekend: Indoor Swap meet

(closes June 28; opens Oct. 17)



## Racing at the Evergreen Speedway

June 6: \*Family Night - Buzz Inn Stinger Nationals, Outlaw Figure 8's,

Street Stocks, Mini Stocks, Hornets

June 12: Evergreen Drags

June 13: Driver Reunion Night

June 14: Driftcon and Evergreen Drift ProAM Round 3

June 19-21: Rusty Wallace Racing Experience

June 20: \*Family Night - Super Figure 8's, FSCRA Pro 4, Hornets,

Stinger 8's, Vintage

\*Family Night = Adults \$10, Kids under 10 FREE

#### June 22-28: BUDWEISER SPEED WEEK:

June 25: Summer Showdown Practice

June 26: Summer Showdown Qualifying, Budweiser Heat Races,

Street Stocks, Mini Stocks

June 27: Summer Showdown 200 & Pro 4 Alliance

Find more information at <u>www.evergreenspeedway.com</u>

#### Willis Tucker Park Spray Pad now open

The Spray Pad opens the end of May each year (Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend) and stays open until the warm weather ends in September.

Throw on a pair of shorts or swimsuit and join the kids dodging the tricky soaker, silverflow cannon, aqua dome, water jelly, aqua jumper, power spinner, power volcano, water domes, and splash palace at Willis Tucker Park's spray pad.

There are three kite shelters, you may reserve, installed adjacent to the spray feature that make a comfortable area for parents to lay out a picnic lunch or simply sit back and relax while keeping an eye on their youngsters playing in the water, on the

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